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FOR: COMBINATIONS OF VALSARTAN WITH COX-2 INHIBITORS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

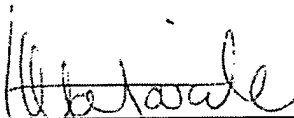
The Office Action of March 3, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 3, 2009. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$490 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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